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SUBJECT: LOS-MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SOV DEL PRESENTED QUOTE PACKAGE DEAL UNQUOTE TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOVIET AND US DELEGATION ON MARINE POLLUTION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE THREE ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PART OF THE PACKAGE WERE DEFINITIONS OF THE CATEGORIES RESEARCH, A MODIFIED TEXT ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, AND A MODIFIED REGIME FOR RESEARCH ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND THE ECONOMIC ZONE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED, US TEAM MET WITH SOVIETS ON JANUARY 30 TO DISCUSS MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MSR). AMB KOLOSOSOVSKY IN HIS OPENING COMMENTS INDICATED THAT IT WAS TIME TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN OUR DELEGATIONS AND PROPOSED A QUOTE PACKAGE UNQUOTE FOR COMMITTEE THREE ISSUES. HE DID NOT OUTLINE THE POLLUTION PART OF THE PACKAGE BUT ADVANCED THREE PROPOSALS  
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TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PART.

3. THE USSR PROPOSED DEFINITIONS STATING THAT IF OUR DELEGATIONS WERE UNABLE TO AGREE ON DEFINITIONS THEY WOULD PROCEED TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE  
(A) MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH RELATED TO THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE MEANS RESEARCH WHICH PERMITS TO LOCATE, ASSESS AND KEEP UNDER SURVEILLANCE THE RESOURCES AND TO EVALUATE THEIR COMMERCIAL EXPLOITABILITY.  
(B) MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH NOT RELATED TO THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE MEANS RESEARCH OTHER THAN THAT MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, KOVOSOVSKY SAID IT IS UNACCEPTABLE THAT THE RESEARCH BE STOPPED UNTIL THIS DISPUTE IS SETTLED. THE DRAFT THEY THEN SUPPLIED CONTAINED THREE PARAGRAPHS. PARAGRAPH 1 IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS ARTICLE 20 OF THE NEW EVENSEN TEXT EXCEPT THEY INSERTED 30 DAYS VICE 60 DAYS. PARAGRAPH 2 IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS ARTICLE 19 OF THE SNT. PARAGRAPH 3 IS SIMILAR TO ARTICLE 22 OF THE EVENSEN TEXT EXCEPT IT WOULD SUBSTITUTE FOR THE UNDERSCORED LANGUAGE OF THE EVENSEN TEXT THE FOLLOWING QUOTE SO THAT THE DISPUTE SETTLED BY THE SCHEDULED DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT UNLESS THE PARTIES CONCERNED AGREED OTHERWISE. END QUOTE.

5. THE LAST ITEM IN THE SOVIET QUOTE PACKAGE UNQUOTE WAS A STATEMENT THAT THE REGIME FOR RESEARCH ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND THE ECONOMIC ZONE SHOULD BE MORE LIBERATED THAN THE REGIME WITHIN. THERE WAS NO FURTHER ELABORATION ON THIS POINT.

6. IN DISCUSSING THEIR DEFINITIONS, ADMIRAL MORRIS INQUIRED WHETHER THEY INTENDED TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHAPTER ON MSR TO RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY MILITARY VESSELS. KOLOSOSOVSKY RESPONDED STATING IF THE MILITARY SHIP IS IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE DOING RESEARCH, CONFIDENTIAL

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OF COURSE IT SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE OBLIGATIONS. IF MERELY NAVIGATING IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE, THE MILITARY VESSELS IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE MSR CHAPTER. IN FURTHER ELABORATION, THEY STATED THAT IF THE FLAG STATE DECLARED IT WAS DOING RESEARCH IT SHOULD SUBJECT ITSELF TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MSR CHAPTER; OTHERWISE, IT WAS NOT SUBJECT TO THOSE REQUIREMENTS. KOVALOV DREW A CHART SHOWING A STRAIGHT TRACK AND A PATTERNED TRACT

STATING IF IT WERE STRAIGHT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE  
REASON TO BELIEVE RESEARCH WAS BEING CONDUCTED. THEY,  
OF COURSE, AGREED THAT MILITARY VESSELS COULD CONDUCT  
ANY PEACEFUL OPERATIONS IT WISHED IN THE ECONOMIC  
ZONE.

7. THE MEETING ENDED WITH NO AGREEMENT BUT FURTHER  
CONSULTATIONS WERE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 2 FEBURARY. DALE

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